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**TO: Economic Support Supervisors
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PRIORITY: High

SUBJECT: BADGERCARE – TRICARE INSURANCE

CROSS REFERENCE: NA

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

PURPOSE

This memo informs local staff that Tricare Insurance is considered a major medical insurance and needs to be considered when a person applies for BadgerCare.

BACKGROUND

BadgerCare coverage is only available for persons who are uninsured. This means that the person:

1. Is not covered by a health plan in the current month or any of the 3 previous months; or,
2. Does not have access to an employer's group health plan that covers the family, and the employer pays 80% or more of the premium in the current month or any of the 18 months prior to the current month.

There may be confusion by workers and recipients believing that Tricare Insurance is not a major medical insurance company and therefore is not being reported as insurance when clients apply for BadgerCare.

CLARIFICATION

Tricare is a national insurance company that is broken down into regions. The Department of Health & Family Services has determined that Tricare is a major medical insurance company for clients applying for BadgerCare and therefore makes them ineligible.

For the convenience of the client, workers should provide Tricare's telephone number to them so that they can clarify their insurance coverage.

The Tricare Hotline number is 800-941-4501.

CONTACT

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Note: Email contacts are preferred. Thank you.